



Focal Point

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A Season to Remember

Every year around this time, I enjoy writing this issue of our *Focal Point* because it allows us to talk about and promote all the fun events that our Frisco families will enjoy during December. We always talk about the importance of keeping "a small town feel" even as we grow closer and closer to 100,000 in population. Some say we won't be able to do it, but our city staff and all of us on the city council are committed to keeping that



Mayor's Message

Mike Simpson

"small town feel".

This year, there are many holiday events planned for our historic downtown area, as well as Frisco Square and our new City Hall Plaza. Even before our Dec. 2 Merry Main Street celebration, you will see Christmas lights all up and down Main Street, on the trees in the medians and on the buildings in the historic section of downtown. In addition, the light display at Frisco Square and our City Plaza will be synchronized to music, making it one of the highlights of the season.

Starting early on Saturday, Dec. 2, here are some of the activities being hosted by our Frisco Downtown Merchants Association, working in conjunction with the City, Frisco Family Services Center, Frisco Garden Club, Miss Plano Frisco Organization, Women Enhancing Business/Frisco Chamber and the Frisco Women's League. This will be a "Pre-Merry Main Street" event from 5 to 7 p.m. Here is a list of what is happening downtown:

■ Strolling Guitars by Anderson Guitar

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Merry Main Street to Deck the Halls of City Hall Plaza

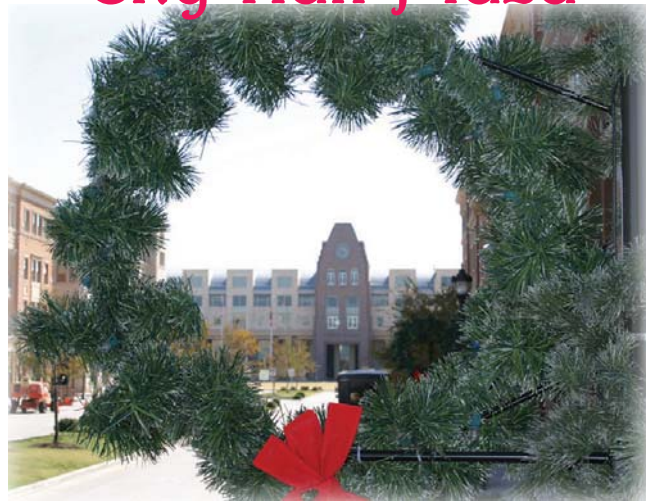


PHOTO BY AARON COBB

City Hall Plaza and Frisco Square are decked in lights and wreaths as Frisco counts down to the 11th Annual Merry Main Street. See more Merry Main Street Details on page 11 and 12.

City of Frisco's Comp Plan Best in State

The City of Frisco's 2006 Comprehensive Plan won the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association (TxAPA) Award for Comprehensive Planning at the State Conference in Corpus Christi on Oct. 20.

"The overall goal of the Comprehensive Plan is to ensure a sustainable and environmentally healthy city for the citizens of Frisco both currently and in the future," said John Lettelleir, Director of Planning and Development.

It is a guide for the City's future growth that includes the Future Land Use Plan, Thoroughfare Plan, Parks and Open Space Master Plan and recommended goals and objectives to carry out the plans.

See more PLAN on page 3

CITY HALL HOUSE CALL

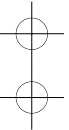
Would you like to know more about your hometown? Do you have questions or concerns about your neighborhood? If you answered "yes" to these questions, then we invite you to ask for a "City Hall House Call."

For more information or to schedule a meeting for your subdivision, contact Amy Gill at 972-292-5103 or agill@friscotexas.gov.



PHOTO BY ANTOINETTE VEGA

Ten-year-old "Name the Recycling Truck" contest winner Rachel Ruppel poses with Rufus Recycles in front of "Recyclina," the recycling truck, which features her caricature. See more on page 9



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- Cookie Decorating at the R/C Zone at 7th and Main St. in the Abbey Restaurant building
- Photos with Santa at Voyager Insurance at 5th and Main (7011 Main St.) (Donations benefit Frisco Family Services)
- Hot Chocolate at Randy's 5th and Main St. (7026 Main St.)
- Live Manager Scene at 5th and Main Street sponsored by First Baptist Church
- Jazz Musical Performances at the Gazebo at 4th and Main by the Music Conservatory of Frisco
- Angel Tree for the Frisco Family Services at Gazebo (4th and Main St.)
- Cards for the Troops Decorating at Southern Star Gallery 6958 Main St.
- Birdseed Feeders by Frisco Garden Club at LPM Real Estate at 6th and Main St. (7075 Main St.)
- Christmas Story Reading Room at the Extravagant Necessities at 4th and Main St. (6890 Main St.) - Mrs. North Texas, Juli Pici, dressed as Princess Penelope will read.
- Face Painting compliments of the City of Frisco at 4th and Main St.
- Nutcracker Ballet by Raising the Barre at 6807 Main St.
- "Sock Donations" for Frisco Family Services Center at Extravagant Necessities
- Transportation to Downtown as well as Pizza Hut Park:

An FSD bus for historic downtown will shuttle attendees from Prosper Bank (Main and Dogwood) at 4 p.m. to Public Parking areas (Elm and Oak Streets, North and South at Fourth) and pick up on Main Street and Fourth (North side), to Pizza Hut Park and back to the Gazebo Main/Fourth (South side) and return to Prosper Bank until 9 p.m.

Make sure you attend the events down-

town and then head to Frisco Square and the City Hall Plaza for the Merry Main Street celebration and Tree Lighting!

There are a lot of details in this edition on Merry Main Street with a complete list of all the activities and fun things to do. As with every year we will enjoy things like:

- Elementary School Choirs on three stages
- Train rides and live reindeer
- The Gingerbread House contest
- Santa's Workshop and Kid's Holiday Store
- Festival of Trees
- Photos with Santa Claus
- Horse drawn carriage rides
- Holiday ice sculptures
- Spectacular light show
- Christmas Tree Lighting

The light show set to music is being done by Frisco resident Jeff Trykoski, who gained national recognition the last few years with the display and light show he does on his own home. This will be a great addition to our holiday season and people will come from all over to see this show.

Frisco Square's "Christmas on the Square:"

The spectacular light show to synchronized music started Nov. 24. On Friday, Dec. 1, snow machines will blow snow for five minutes every half hour. There will be carriage rides, restaurants serving Holiday treats, caroling and an opportunity to talk with Santa.

Starting Sunday, Dec. 3, there will be a Holiday Movie shown on the square, to go along with the snow machines, Holiday treats, and a visit with Santa. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Dec. 1 - Dec. 24 there will be fun events at Frisco Square including:

- Snow making machines
- Carriage Rides
- Static Holiday Scenes
- Holiday treats by restaurants
- Holiday movies: The Kranks, Elf, Grinch and Polar Express

Special Tribute: Saturday, Dec. 9 - Holiday Veterans Salute

All military veterans and POWs, as well as all active military personnel are invited to a special event at Frisco Square on December 9th starting at 5:15 p.m. There will be a fly over of F-16's and Santa and Elves will parachute into the square. Special tributes will be paid to our military and there will be honor guards, the Frisco Community Band and comments by military and city officials.

For a complete rundown of all the Frisco Square events visit www.friscosquare.com.

As you can see, this Holiday season, we have more family fun events and activities than ever before. Make sure you enjoy all the fun events in old downtown on Main Street before going to the City of Frisco's Merry Main Street celebration on Dec. 2. You'll have lots to do at Frisco Square and the City Hall Plaza every weekend until the end of the year.

After you attend these events, I believe you will see we can truly keep "the small town feel". The key ingredient is YOU and YOUR FAMILY. We have so much to be thankful for in Frisco and appreciate your support. On behalf of our City Council and Staff, we wish you a happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Mike Simpson
Mayor

City of Frisco Job Opportunities

Please visit our website at www.FriscoTexas.gov for a full listing of current openings. Application procedures are listed below.

All Positions Subject to
Close without Notice
Mail Resume/Application to:
City of Frisco Human Resources

6101 Frisco Square Blvd
Frisco, TX 75034
JOB LINE: (972) 292-JOBS

FAX: (972) 292-5229

EMAIL: employment@friscotexas.gov

www.FriscoTexas.gov

EOE

Let's Talk About Books

If you enjoy discussing movies, books or plays as much as you enjoy seeing or reading them, then a book discussion group is for you. The new Frisco Public Library offers three opportunities each month to share your opinions and criticism on a wide variety of books.

The groups are led by librarians who share your enthusiasm for all kinds of writing.

The Reader's Choice discussion group meets at the library on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments are served.

The Page Turners group offers a brown bag lunch meeting at the library on the last Wednesday of every month at noon. The focus of Page Turners includes an eclectic mix of enduring classics, engaging biographies and current non-fiction.

Classic Readers meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center at Frisco Square. Classic Readers is open to adults ages 50-plus and their spouses.

For more information, please visit the Web site at www.friscolibrary.com.

Hometown Happenings

All meetings take place at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., unless otherwise stated.

December 2

Merry Main Street
City Hall Plaza
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

December 4

Frisco Public Arts
Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

December 5

City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

December 9

Santa Skate
2601 Avenue of the Stars
6:30 to 9 p.m.

Frisco's Frosty 5K, 1
Mile Fun Run/Walk
George A. Purefoy
Municipal Center
8 a.m.

December 11

Frisco Square MMD
6101 Frisco Square
3rd floor conf room
4:30 p.m.

December 12

Planning & Zoning
Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

December 19

City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

December 26

Holiday
City Offices Closed

December 27

Planning & Zoning
Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

Arts of Collin County
City of Allen
305 Century Parkway
4 p.m.

Urban Forestry Board,
6726 Walnut Street
6:30 p.m.

January 1, 2007

Holiday
City Offices Closed

Frisco Bans All Smoking in Restaurants; Creates 'Smoke Free' Work Environment

BY DANA BAIRD

The Frisco City Council amended the city's smoking ordinance to prohibit smoking in restaurants and to create 'smoke free' work environments.

During the regularly scheduled council meeting on Nov. 7, the Frisco City Council voted 4 - 3 to amend Frisco's 2000 smoking ordinance.

Beginning Nov. 18, all smoking is banned in restaurants.

However, restaurants, which have installed smoke ventilations systems -- as required for designated 'smoking areas' under the 2000 smoking ordinance -- will have five years from the date the air purification system was installed to comply with the new rules.

The amended ordinance now provides regulations for a 'smoke free' workplace.

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed 'work place' facilities

including -- but not limited to -- common work areas, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, cafeterias, employee lounges and vehicles.

Employers have until Dec. 16 to communicate the policy to employees.

While the 2000 smoking ordinance already banned smoking in enclosed areas at 'athletic events', the amended, 2006 ordinance clarifies 'athletic events' by changing it to 'sports arena' and adding a definition for 'sports arena' to include stadiums, sports pavilions, gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and ice rinks, bowling alleys and other similar places.

Violators could be fined anywhere from \$100 to \$500.

For more information on the amended smoking ordinance, go to www.friscotexas.gov, and click on 'Ordinances', then 'Laserfiche' and then look for 'Web Ordinances.'

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Residential Green Building Program Receives Environmental Honors

The City of Frisco has received the Outstanding Small Government Award for its Residential Green Building Program.

The award was presented at the Air Quality Conference in Houston in

October honoring cities and individuals for their outstanding contributions to Texas Clean Air from energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The City of Frisco did not apply for the

award, but was selected out of many other cities.

The Planning & Development Services Department was honored at a recent City Council Meeting for the award.

PLAN Continued

This Plan was awarded "Plan of the Year" from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association in 2000. The plan was devised from the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC), including Pete Hosp, Chair; Tracie Reveal Shipman, Vice-Chair; Audie Adkins Clark Lund; Stanly Brasuell;

Ty O'Neal; Baxter Brinkmann; Robert Ouellette; Barbara Gallegos; Jeanne Patterson; David Schackmann; John Hamilton; James Gandy; Stephen Sims; Steven Hulsey; Lori Stroud; Christopher Hunter; Richard Wilkinson; Geraldyn Kaminsky Jim Williams, Jr.; Rod Kelly Jim Wilson and Susanne Kerle.

Finance Division Receives 6th Financial Reporting Award

For the sixth consecutive year, the City of Frisco's Finance Division was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the year ended Sept. 30, 2005.

This achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

Also recognized by the award include Finance Division employees Anita Cothran, Lance Sehorn, Jennifer Hundt, Debra Padilla, Lou Sepulvado, Kathy Ferguson, Sue Watson and Catherine Meleky.

The CAFR is judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the

program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

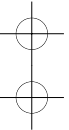
The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago and Washington D.C.



CPAC Chairman Pete Hosp and Mari Bailey of Planning and Development Services are recognized at a City Council meeting for their work in receiving Frisco's 2006 Comprehensive Plan Award by the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association.



Finance Division: (back row, from left) Jennifer Hundt, Tanya Anderson, Anita Cothran, Debra Padilla, BJ Long, Kathy Ferguson, (front row, from left) Lou Sepulvado, Lance Sehorn and Sue Watson. Not Pictured: Catherine Meleky.



Congratulations Citizens Police Academy Class 20

Erika Howe, of the Citizens Police Academy Class 20, said the training she received from the CPA made an impact in her decision to act during a recent high stress situation. She said

taught by FPD officers, including crime scene investigations, high -risk traffic stops, building searches, policing in schools, defensive tactics, patrol procedures and firearms,



CPA Class 20: Front Row: Richelle Fowler, Stacy Chandler, Lori Galster; Second Row: Nancy Koehler, Lynda Davenport, Patricia Fleming, Kelly Doster, Erika Howe; Third Row: Kristen Carlson, Sandra Zavala, Dan Franke, Jeff Maxwell, Wayne Epperson, Gary Davenport, Michael Gage, Stephen Yurasits, Glynda Covington Not pictured: Brittani Elfstrom



The Senior CPA class graduated on October 31. Front Row Left to Right: Louise Williams, Leland Franke, Gerri Barron; Second Row: Gordon Quinn, Ruth Rourk, Manuel Andujar, Joseph Tang, Maureen Meyers, Abel Franco, Officers Glynda Covington and Robert Monts

she found a stranger in the process of burglarizing her home. Two nights prior to Howe's incident, the class learned defensive tactics.

"There is no way I could have handled the situation without the the confidence I gained from the Frisco Citizens Police Academy," Howe said. "I kept running what I learned through my mind in case the man attacked me."

The man left her home without incident and was later arrested after burglarizing several other houses and cars in the neighborhood.

Howe, along with 20 other members of the CPA Class 20 graduated on Nov. 16 in the new Frisco Police Station. This is the first class to be honored at the new police station making it a landmark event.

During the 10-week program, Frisco citizens participated in classes

topped off with a day at the gun range.

The Citizen Police Academy (CPA) gives Frisco citizens a bird's eye view of what FPD officers and employees do on a daily basis providing them a new perspective on how the police department operates.

"It is a fun and exciting way to get to know police employees and their practices," said Sgt. Gina McFarlin. "Although the main goal of the program is to educate citizens on the operations within the police department, it is stories, such as Howe's that make the program more worthwhile," said McFarlin.

For more information on upcoming CPA sessions, contact Officer Covington with the Frisco Police Department's Community Services Unit at 972-292-6134.

Frisco Police Settle Into New Station

Citizens will have the opportunity to tour the new Frisco Police Station at its grand opening celebration on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.

More than a year and half after breaking ground on April 8, the new station opened on Oct. 30 at 7200 Stonebrook Parkway.

Police Officers spent the majority of November moving into their new "home" and getting familiar with the 86,590 square-foot building, a large jump from the 10,000 square-foot building they grew accustomed to. The new facility is built on 11.5 acres and stands two stories.

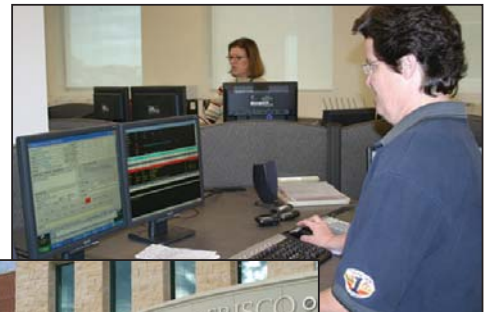
"It is great to finally be in," said Police Chief Todd Renshaw. "It is a wonderful building and we are very grateful to have the sup-

port of our citizens and city leaders."

The building was paid for with \$16 million in bonds approved in 2002.

The new building includes a full-time desk officer to take walk-in reports. Its features include a community/training room, fitness area, locker room, 'sally port,' holding facility and separate lobby, and an office area devoted to department divisions, including Special Investigation, Juvenile, CID, Patrol, Community Services, Victim Advocate and Property/Evidence. The facility also includes 'unfinished space to grow' to 125,000 square- feet and house a firing range.

In the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, employees are on their toes literally, preferring to stand up rather than sit down. Merrie Hultman (foreground), Sandra Hatter (background)



Members of the Police Department, Mayor Mike Simpson and City Council members participated in a Flag Raising Ceremony to mark opening day of the new Frisco Police Station.

Officer Glynda Covington of the Community Services Division is all smiles on her first day on the job in the new Police Station.



Fire Department Enjoys New Central Fire Station

PHOTOS BY AARON COBB

The new Central Fire Station opened for business on Nov. 15, two years after its official groundbreaking. Staff gathered their things from the old building and moved across the street into the new one.

The 11,161 square-foot station is located at 8601 Gary Burns Drive.

Central Fire Station is a brick veneer, steel frame building with offices, kitchen, day room, training room, rest rooms, dormitories and five vehicle bays. The facility is fully fire sprinkled and has an emergency

generator.

"We are happily getting accustomed to having more work space," said Fire Chief Mack Borchardt. "We are appreciative of everyone, including citizens and elected officials for getting us in here. I am also very appreciative of the firefighters for getting us moved in here."

A grand opening celebration for the new Central Fire Station will be scheduled in the beginning of 2007.



(Right) Central Fire Station has five vehicle bays.



(Far Right) The lobby of the Frisco Fire Station features a colorful floor mural depicting two fire fighter silhouettes by Garrison Roots of Longmont, CO.



(Above) At 11,161 square-feet, the new Central Fire Station is located at 8601 Gary Burns Drive, across the street from the old one.

(Below) The glass training tower will be used for simulated climbs and jumps.

Indoor Frisco Fire Safety Town Classes Begin in January

Classes are already being scheduled at the much-anticipated Frisco Fire Safety Town.

Indoor classes are expected to start in January and outdoor classes will begin in the spring, said Bettie Grimes, Fire Education Coordinator.

Day after day the one-of-a-kind Frisco Fire Safety Town moves closer to opening.

"People are so excited for us to open and we are just as excited," said Grimes. "We have waited for this for so long and can't wait to get the kids in here and start teaching them."

Located at 8597 Gary Burns Drive, adjacent to the new

Central Fire Station, Frisco Fire Safety Town is an 8,000 square-foot Educational Facility along-side a miniature outdoor town.

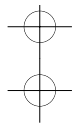
This year, the Frisco Fire Safety Town will host Santa's Helpers, a drive-thru toy drop off by WFAA on Dec 13 from 4 - 7 p.m. Santa's Helpers is a public service program that collects and distributes holiday toys for North Texas children. Members of the Frisco Fire Department and Citizen's Fire Academy Alumni will help.

"This is a good opportunity for citizens to see the new Central Fire Station and Frisco Fire Safety Town while doing something good for the community," said Grimes. "It will be a fun event."

To schedule a field trip to Frisco Fire Safety Town, call 972- 335-5525.



Various miniature houses and buildings are sponsored by area businesses



Monthly Project Update

1. DNT Phase 3 Section XI-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Gaylord Parkway to Platinum Parkway. Est. completion of construction is September 2007.

2. DNT Phase 3 Section XII-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from north of Eldorado Parkway to US 380. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Eldorado Parkway to US 380. Est. completion of construction is September 2007.

3. DNT Phase 3 Section XII-S

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Platinum Parkway to north of Eldorado Parkway. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Main Street to Eldorado Parkway. Est. completion of construction is September 2007.

4. Eldorado Overpass (DNT - Preston)

Scope: Construct the northern two lanes of Eldorado Parkway from the Dallas North Tollway to Preston Road (SH 289). This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway and includes three lanes of the overpass at the BNSF RR. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Est. completion of design is February 2007.

5. FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy
(DNT - FM 423)

Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the southern three lanes of FM 2934 (Eldorado Parkway) from the Dallas North Tollway to FM 423, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This will complete six lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway with. This project will be let by TxDOT. (Current status is TX DOT REVIEW).

6. FM 3537 Improvements (Custer-Preston)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway from FM 2478 (Custer Road) to SH 289 (Preston Road), which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be let by TxDOT. Est. completion of design is December 2007.

7. FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado - Stewart Creek)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane divided concrete roadway with curb and gutter. Est. completion of design is January 2007.

8. FM 423 Improvements (US 380 - Eldorado Pkwy)

Scope: Replace two-lane asphalt road-
way with a six-lane divided roadway Est.

completion of design is January 2007.

9. Independence Parkway

(SH121 to Main)
Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway. Est. completion of construction is September 2007.

10. Lebanon
(Village - FM 423)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from Village to FM 423 including a three lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. (Current status is ROW).

**11. Legacy Drive
(Citation - Main)**

Scope: Construct the eastern two lanes of Legacy Drive from Jetport to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Est. completion of design is December 2006.

12. Ohio Utility Relocations

Scope: Relocate city water and sewer-lines for Ohio Drive Overpass Est. completion of construction is December 2006.

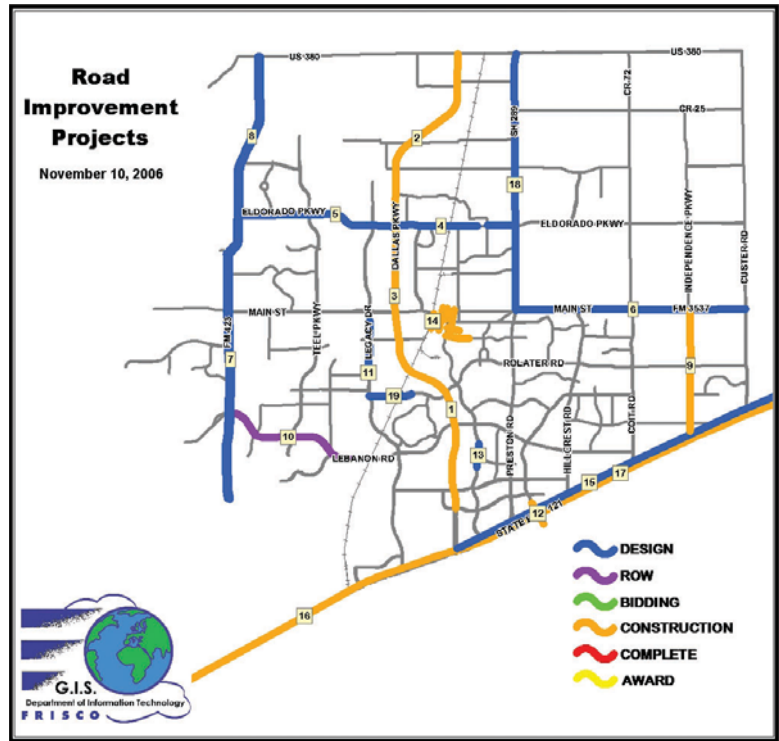
**13. Parkwood Drive
(Lebanon - Warren)**

Scope: Construction of the two western (southbound) lanes of Parkwood Drive between Lebanon Road and Warren Parkway. Currently in design.

14. Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete curb and gutter:

- First Street (West Main south to Ash)
- Third (Oak north to Maple)



- Third (Main south to Ash)
- Fourth (Main north to Maple)
- Sixth (Maple south to Hickory)
- Pecan (Fifth to Seventh)
- Hickory (Fifth to Courtyard Dr)

Est. completion of construction is August 2007.

15. SH 121 Freeway DNT to 75

Scope: Construct main lanes on SH 121 from Dallas North Tollway to US 75. Est. completion of design is December 2006.

16. SH 121 Freeway FM 544 to DNT

Scope: Construct 6 main lanes and 6 lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Tollway. Est. completion of construction is December 2007.

17. SH 121 Service Roads DNT to US 75

Scope: Construct six lanes of service roads from the Dallas North Toll Road to US 75. It also includes a grade separation at Custer. Est. completion of construction is June 2008.

18. SH 289 (Preston Road) Improvements

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway from U.S. 380 to Main Street, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be let by TxDOT, which will pay for four lanes. The City of Frisco will pay for the construction of the two additional lanes. Two million dollars of the City of Frisco's \$4.5 million participation in this project pays for the previous construction of Preston Road south of Main Street. Est. completion of design is January 2007.

19 .Stonebrook Parkway
(Legacy - Longhorn)

Scope: Construct the northern two lanes of Stonebrook Parkway from Legacy Drive to Longhorn Trail with an underpass at the BNSF RR and a bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete two lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway and includes three lanes of the bridge. The bridge will be used for one lane in each direction until the southern lanes are constructed. Est. completion of design is May 2007

Gary Burns Fun Run October 28

The 7th Annual Gary Burns Fun Run at Hall Office Park raised more than \$100,000.

Gary Burns Fun Run honors Frisco Assistant Fire Chief Gary Burns, who passed away after suffering from cancer in September of 1999.

The Run benefits the Frisco Education Foundation, which provides college scholarships for Frisco ISD students including the Gary Burns Memorial Scholarship and innovative Grants for Great Ideas, awarded to teachers.

Approximately 2,850 people signed up for the 5K and Family 1 Mile, which was the largest turnout to date.



Frisco Fire Clowns were a popular attraction at the Gary Burns Fun Run.



Gary Burns' bunker gear and helmet, as well as a photo of Burns, are displayed during the run to honor the Assistant Fire Chief's memory.

Brigadier General Michael B. Cates, a native of Frisco served as the Community Parade Grand Marshal.

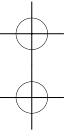


Bands and drill teams from all four high schools in Frisco participated.

Frisco Community Parade November 11

Despite the strong winds and chilly weather, hundreds of people turned out to be a part of the Frisco Community Parade. The theme was "A Salute to Our Troops."

There were 95 entries. The parade featured all four high school bands, football teams, Drill Teams and other sports teams, Homecoming Kings and Queens, other school and community groups. Ten area businesses also participated. In addition, team mascots for FC Dallas, the Frisco RoughRiders, Texas Tornados and Dallas Stars participated.



2007 WINTER GAMES TEXAS

of TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

January 13-14, 2007

Registration to open
August 21, 2006
New Sports,
New Celebration of Athletes
PRESENTED BY

Capital One

EVENT	LOCATION	SITE COORDINATOR
Celebration of Athletes	FISD Memorial Stadium	Frisco CVB 972-963-9225 info@visitfrisco.com
Baseball	The Ball Fields at Craig Ranch	Kurt Lemley 972-747-8248 klemlay@theballfields.com
Basketball	Frisco High School/ Middle School Gyms	Jason Maupin 972-335-3788 Jason@primetimesportz.com
Cheerleading	Frisco Conference Center	Chris Henson 972-731-5888 chris@expresscheer.com
Figure Skating	The Ice at Stonebriar Centre	Thomas Fagan/Ann Lewis 972-731-9600 iceskatedirect@hotmail.com
Flag Football	Warren Sports Complex	Dennis Freels 817-368-0800 loans@dennisfreels.com
Gymnastics	ASI Gymnastics Plano West Location 972-960-1108	Cindy Perison 972-288-5510 cperison@asigymnastics.com
Ice Hockey	Dr Pepper StarCenter Frisco	Keith Andresen 817-267-4233 kandres@dalassstars.com
Soccer	Pizza Hut Park	Shawn McGee-FC Dallas 214-777-0220 smcgee@fcdallas.net
Softball (Senior Slow Pitch)	Shawnee Trail Park	Ridge Hooks 214-317-0328 ridgeh@mindspring.com
Swimming	Frisco ISD Natatorium	Kristie Weaver 817-598-4125 kweaver@ci.weatherford.tx.us Curtis Morgan 713-477-3896 curtis@paddocksw.com
Table Tennis	Staley Middle School	Donna Chen 214-240-5975 dftwc@sbcglobal.net
Volleyball	Frisco Middle School Gyms	Jason Maupin 972-335-3788 Jason@primetimesportz.com
Wrestling	Frisco Conference Center	Frisco CVB 972-963-9225 info@visitfrisco.com



For more information go to www.taaf.com or call the Frisco Convention & Visitors Bureau at 877-GoFrisco (463-7472)

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2007 Winter Games of Texas Registration Open; 5 New Sports Featured

Register today for the 2007 Winter Games of Texas, which features five new sports.

The additional five sports include cheerleading, volleyball, table tennis, senior slow pitch baseball and a baseball showcase. Other sports include figure skating, ice hockey, swimming, wrestling, soccer and flag football, which will take place throughout the weekend.

Register at www.taaf.com/wintergames.asp. Top competitors in almost every sport will win a berth to the Games of America in Colorado Springs, Co in July 2007.

The Celebration of Athletes, presented by Capital One, will be held at Memorial Stadium on Jan. 13 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The Winter Village will feature a snow village, live entertainment, bounce houses and face painters. Following these activities will be official lighting of the Games of Texas cauldron and a fireworks display.

Admission is free this year with the donation of a canned good to benefit Frisco Family Services and other area charities. You can also bring a canned good or non-perishable item to the 16th Annual Merry Main Street on Dec. 2 at the Winter Games of Texas tent or stop by Gatti-Town in The Centre at Preston Ridge.

For a free ticket, visit one of the fol



PHOTO BY CHRISTIE HARTWELL

The opening ceremony, The Celebration of Athletes, is presented by Capital One and will be held at Memorial Stadium on Jan. 13 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Beginning Dec.15, tickets are available at the following Capital One locations:

■ **Little Elm**
2821 E. Eldorado Pkwy
Phone: 214-544-4830

■ **Frisco Main**
8989 Preston Rd
Phone: 972-364-6445

■ **Stonebriar Centre**
7330 Gaylord Parkway
Phone: 972-364-6210

■ **North Plano**
9724 Coit Road
Phone: 972-364-6150



PHOTO BY CHRISTIE HARTWELL

Hockey is one of the favorite sports and is back for the 2007 Winter Games of Texas.

Frisco Recycling Truck Unveiling, Battery Contest Kicks Off Texas Recycles Day

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA



Rachel Ruppel, 10, is surprised to find out she is the winner of the "Name the Recycling Truck" Contest.

cheers and applause.

Outside, a truck blocked the view of the 7-ton recycling truck to be unveiled and bear the new name submitted by

Ten-year-old Rachel Ruppel waited anxiously to see what the fuss was all about on a cold November morning. Little did she know she was the winner of the "Name the Recycling Truck Contest," sponsored by the City of Frisco's Environmental Services Division. Her image is featured on a CWD recycling truck and in the division's coloring book. On Nov. 15, Texas Recycles Day, she stood inside Smith Elementary School with Principal Matt Kimball while her peers waited outside for her arrival. When she stepped outside, the entire school congratulated her on her win with

Ruppel and voted on by citizens. At the count of three all the kids shouted, "Move that truck," and the truck "Recyclina" was revealed with a caricature of Ruppel depicted on each side.

"I wanted a name that rhymed with recycle or had the word recycle in it so I just came up with Recyclina and entered it," said Ruppel, a fifth grader at Smith Elementary School.

The "Name the Truck Contest" began months ago in an effort to name the recycling truck while involving and educating the community about recycling.

"The participation in this contest was outstanding," said Jeremy Starritt, Environmental Education Coordinator.

Ruppel was one of five finalists, whose name was selected from a pool of more than 500 submissions.

"I was so excited to see my face up there and know that I had won. I was so stressed wondering about it," said Ruppel. "I am glad I can let people know that recycling is important. It is one of my favorite things to do."

Recyclina joins other Environmental Services characters Rufus Recycles, Carl the Cart and Gaston the Garbage Truck.

Also celebrated as part of Texas Recycles Day was the Battery Contest results at the winning school.

Christie Elementary was named the winner of the "Landfill Reduction through Battery Recycling" contest. Students collected 85.5 pound of common household batteries.

The student body was awarded a trophy made of recycled glass by

Mayor Mike Simpson for collecting the most batteries. Each student was also given a folder made of recycled paper and printed with soy ink bearing the "Green Team" logo.

As a whole, the F.I.S.D. collected 712 pounds of batteries.

"These contests were designed to further promote recycling, which saves money by saving landfill space," said Pippa Couvillion, Environmental Services Manager. "It is so important to get the kids involved so they can get their parents involved. Doing it in a fun and exciting way has always been the way the Environmental Services Division likes to do things."



Rufus sorts through 85.5 pounds of batteries collected by Christie Elementary students.

"Kick in to Win - Recycle" Program Debuts During MLS Cup

BY DANA BAIRD

Pizza Hut Park, the 20,500-seat state-of-art pro soccer stadium, has earned the title of being the first "green" stadium in Texas, thanks to a partnership with the City of Frisco.

Sixty, 30-gallon recycling containers are located in the stadium kicking off the new program, "Kick In To Win- Recycle," which debuted during the 2006 MLS Cup on Nov. 12.

The City of Frisco received a \$71,500 grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to implement the program. Grant costs cover everything from the container purchases to

program promotion and contracted labor.

"This program helps us reach our goal of keeping the City of Frisco a green, environmentally friendly community," said Pippa Couvillion, Environmental Services Manager. "We're grateful to partner with Pizza Hut Park and FC Dallas. We couldn't do this without their support."

"Pizza Hut Park and FC Dallas are giving people a choice to recycle. By supporting this program, it shows the organizations and their staff are not only leaders on the field - but leaders in our community and in Texas," said Mayor Mike Simpson.



PHOTO BY DANA BAIRD

Rufus Recycles encourages MLS Cup visitors at Pizza Hut Park to recycle using the stadium's new recycling containers.

Pledge to Save Water this Winter

Professor Waterwise wants to make sure residents remember to reduce water waste during the holiday season.

Despite recent rains, Lake Lavon remains 16 feet low and Frisco residents need to more than ever cut down the water waste..

"We hope by encouraging residents to avoid unnecessary watering this winter, we'll save enough water for next summer," said Gary Hartwell, Director of Public Works.

Professor Waterwise offers these suggestions to meet your pledge goals:

For Parents:

- Turn your sprinkler system off.
- Use soaker and hand-held hoses

for foundation moisture

- Fix leaks. Winter water consumption above 10,000 gallons/month (without sprinklers or pool) could indicate a leak. Call Public Works for a free leak check.

- Use low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.

- Wash only full loads of dishes or clothes

- Wash your car at a water-recycling car wash.

For Kids:

- Do not run water while brushing your teeth

- Don't flush trash down the toilet.

- Take short, 5-minute, showers

Send your ideas for saving water to dhyllton@frisco-texas.gov.



Third Dance Added to the Daddy Daughter Dance

Daddies and daughters will have a fairy tale time at the 11th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Feb. 17. A third dance has been added to allow more daddies and daughters to participate.

The theme this year is "Once a Upon a Time" bringing Cinderella, Snow White and all kinds of Fairy Tales to Frisco. The dance will be in the Frisco Conference Center ballroom, 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive. The tickets costs \$10 and can be purchased in person or online only. Online tickets are available online starting Jan. 13 at www.friscofun.org. Tickets go on sale beginning Jan. 20 at 8 a.m. to

3 p.m. at the Superdrome, at Collin County Community College. Remaining tickets will be sold during regular business hours at Alumni Hall Fitness Center or online. Mail-in purchases will not be accepted and tickets will not be sold at the event. A free shuttle service will be provided from the Dr Pepper Ballpark.

Dance Times:

Ages 4 – 6; 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Ages 7 – 9; 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Ages 10 – 12; 8 – 9:30 p.m.

Ages are recommendations only, not restrictions.



Holiday Fun at the Senior Center at Frisco Square

The Senior Center at Frisco Square is located at 6670 Moore St. Call 972-335-5515 for class days and times.

Holiday Party Dec. 15

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join your fellow seniors for this annual Holiday Feast. Bring a gift (\$10 value) to participate in the exchange. Lunch will be provided by the Steelmen's of United Financial Services. Contact the Senior Center to reserve a seat by Dec. 13.

Post Holiday Centennial Check-Ups

Dec. 27, 9 – 11 a.m.

After the holiday feast and sweets, enjoy a free mini check-up. Blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol checks will be available to all participants by Centennial Medical Center. Family Practitioner Dr. Meda will be on hand to answer questions.

Santa's Stained Glass Workshop

Create your very own 10-inch sun catcher. Enjoy the basic steps of piecing together a stocking, snowflake or angel. When registering, please ask for your design choice. Two classes are offered — 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christmas Tree Safety

Christmas is near and the Frisco Fire Department offers the following tips to make your holiday season safe and enjoyable:

■ Choose a fresh, natural tree.

A fresh tree should not lose many needles when the trunk is tapped on the ground.

■ Cut the selected tree 1 inch from the bottom of the trunk to help the tree absorb water prior to decorating. The tree stand used should have at least a 1-gallon capacity. A 6-foot tree will use 1 gallon of water every two days.

■ Keep the tree in a protected area away from the wind and sun until it is ready to decorate. Keep the tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, vents and other heat sources.

■ Use lights approved by Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) and never connect more than three strands. Never use real candles on a tree, even an artificial one.

■ Check the light strings for missing bulbs, cracked insulation or broken sockets. Turn off all lights when away from home or sleeping.

Effective January 1, 2007

Telephone numbers for City of Frisco offices will change to the numbers shown below. Current/old phone numbers will also continue to work for a period of time after January 1. Please make note of the new numbers and begin using them after January 1, 2007.

City of Frisco Office	Address	New Telephone Number
City Hall	6101 Frisco Square Blvd	972-292-5000
City Manager's Office		972-292-5100
City Secretary's Office		972-292-5020
■ Records		972-292-5023
Accounting/Budget/Finance		972-292-5501
Animal Control		972-292-5303
Building Inspections		972-292-5301
■ Inspection call-in line		972-292-5386
Code Enforcement		972-292-5302
Communications and Media Relations		972-292-5080
■ Volunteer Coordinator		972-292-5074
Convention & Visitors Bureau		972-963-9225
Engineering Services		972-292-5400
Economic Development Corporation		972-668-5550
Fire Department Administration		972-292-6300
■ Station #1	8601 Gary Burns Dr	972-292-6401
■ Station #2	3711 Ohio Dr	972-292-6402
■ Station #3	5449 Warren Pkwy.	972-292-6403
■ Station #4	4484 Cotton Gin Rd	972-292-6404
■ Station #5	14300 Eldorado Pkwy	972-292-6405
Health & Food Safety		972-292-5304
Human Resources		972-292-5200
■ Job Line		972-292-JOBS
Library	6101 Frisco Square Blvd	972-292-5669
Municipal Court	8750 McKinney Rd	972-335-5565
Parks & Recreations	6726 Walnut	972-292-6500
■ Parks & Rec Rain Out Line		972-292-6666
■ Recreation & Aquatic Center		972-292-6600
■ Senior Center at Frisco Square		972-292-6550
Planning & Development Services		972-292-5300
■ Planning & Conservation		972-292-5305
■ Zoning & Development		972-292-5306
Police Department	7200 Stonebrook Pkwy	972-292-6000
■ Administration		972-292-6100
■ Crime Prevention		972-292-6144
■ Detention Facility		972-292-6001
■ Investigations Div.		972-292-6200
■ Non-Emergency Dispatch		972-292-6010
■ Property Release		972-292-6280
Property Taxes		469-362-5800
Public Works	11300 Research Rd	972-292-5800
■ Fleet Services		972-292-5850
■ ROW Inspection and Line Locates		972-292-5820
■ Streets/Drainage		972-292-5800
■ Water/Sewer/Meters		972-292-5800
Purchasing		972-292-5504
Revenue Billing & Collections		972-292-5575
Trash and Recycling Services		972-292-5900

We Wish You a Merry Main Street!

16th Annual Merry Main Street Moves to City Hall Plaza in Frisco Square

Santa Claus is making a list and checking it twice before beginning his annual journey to the City of Frisco's 16th Annual Merry Main Street celebration, which kicks off the city's holiday season on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Downtown merchants will host musical entertainment and crafts beginning at 5 p.m. at the Gazebo on Main Street - a pre-party, of sorts.

The City of Frisco's festivities will move to City Hall Plaza, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., located in the heart of Frisco Square (near the intersection of Main Street & Coleman Blvd.) The celebration gets underway at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m., following the lighting of the city's official Christmas tree.



"The City of Frisco is growing faster than my wish list from girls and boys," said Santa Claus. "Rudolph and the rest of the team are excited to land at City Hall Plaza, where there will be plenty of space so even more folks can enjoy the celebration! According to my magical snow globe, Merry Main Street is going to be bigger than ever before!"

The free festival will feature Frisco Independent School District (FISD) elementary school choirs singing on three stages. Returning festival favorites include a mini train ride; live reindeer; the Gingerbread House contest entries; Santa's Workshop and the Kid's Holiday Store, where children can shop for moms and dads and nothing is priced over \$5 dollars.

New additions to Merry Main Street include a Festival of Trees, benefiting the Senior Center at Frisco Square; a hand bell choir; a

North Pole Bakery, where Santa's helpers will giveaway cookies; horse drawn carriage rides and holiday ice sculptures.

Santa Claus will have no problem finding



Merry Main Street's new location.

The George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, which houses City Hall and the Frisco Public Library, will be decked in approximately 75,000 lights synchronized to music! The city's display is designed by Illumimax, a nationally recognized holiday lighting consulting company owned and operated Jeff Trykoski, a Frisco resident. Trykoski also designed the display adorning the nearby buildings at Frisco Square, as part of the development's "Christmas in the Square". Together, the two displays will delight sightseers of all ages.

"These days, Frisco Square sparkles so bright, I may have to wear shades. It's the most magnificent sight," said Mr. Claus.

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Mike Simpson and the Frisco City Council will invite festival goers to join them at the center of City Hall Plaza, where folks will help them countdown to lighting a 30-foot tree, decked in more than 21,000 lights!

Free parking is available at Pizza Hut Park and a free shuttle service is available from the east lot at Staley Middle School, beginning at 5 p.m.

For information, visit www.friscotexas.gov or call Ashley Blanchard, Events Programmer for Parks & Recreation, 972-335-5517.

The Kid's Holiday Store is Back!

The Kid's Holiday Store opens at 6 p.m. on Dec. 2 in City Hall Plaza in Frisco Square. Children can shop for moms and dads and nothing is priced over \$5 dollars.



Gingerbread House Contest



Santa's Holiday Workshop





The City of Frisco's
Holiday Happenings
Presented by the Parks & Recreation Department

16th Annual Merry Main Street
 Saturday, December 2 • 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 George A. Purdy Municipal Center - City Hall Plaza
 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

Bring your family to the New City Hall Plaza and enjoy the City's long-standing tradition of officially kicking off the start to Frisco's Holiday Season!

■ **ENTERTAINMENT**

Three stages featuring all FISD
 Elementary School Choirs!
 Gingerbread House Contest
 Frisco Express Train Ride
 Roaming Street Entertainment
 Live Reindeer
 Snowflake Light Show
 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
 begins at approximately 8:30 p.m.!



■ **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Kid's Holiday Store
 Santa's Workshop
 Holiday Arts & Crafts Booths
 Letters to Santa
 Food & Beverages
 Photos with Santa
 Snow Blizzards on Coleman Blvd.
 And Much, Much More!

■ **NEW THIS YEAR!**

Frisco's Festival of Trees
 Hand Bell Choir
 Holiday Ice Sculptures
 Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides
 North Pole Bakery

■ **PARKING & FREE SHUTTLE**

Free parking available at Pizza Hut Park
 in the Red, Gold & Blue Lots.
 Shuttle service from Staley Middle School
 East Parking Lot from 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Check Out Frisco's Famous "Kid's Holiday Store"



- Children 12 years & younger can shop and buy a wonderful small gift for under \$5.
- Children will be assisted by "Santa's Helpers" when buying great gifts for their siblings & parents.
- The store will be located on Coleman Blvd. and open from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. during Merry Main Street.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CITY OF FRISCO'S HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS
 Visit www.FriscoFun.org or call 972-335-5517

